Division of MCH Workforce Development
TRAINEE AMBASSADOR GROUP APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

The goal of the *Trainee Ambassador Group* (TAG) is to foster connections between trainees across the MCH Training Program, provide trainees with leadership development opportunities, and strengthen the link between trainees and MCHB.

Through the TAG, MCHB is:
- Strengthening the link between trainees and MCHB
- Increasing awareness about the importance of utilizing and engaging trainees
- Increasing current trainee awareness/knowledge about the full range of training programs
- Improving communication and collaboration among trainees within and across training programs
- Facilitating connections between current and former trainees
- Providing trainees with additional leadership development opportunities

In 2016, the TAG began development of a mentoring initiative for MCH trainees. The 2017 TAG cohort will support the continuing implementation the mentoring initiative, in addition to, 1-2 other deliverables that meet the above goals.

TAG ELIGIBILITY

The TAG will be composed of trainee representatives from a range of the DMCHWD's graduate and undergraduate education programs including:
- Centers of Excellence in MCH (formerly the Schools of Public Health [SPH])
- Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP)
- Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH)
- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
- MCH Nutrition
- MCH Pipeline
- Pediatric Pulmonary Centers (PPC)

Former trainees that have graduated within the last 3 years are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants should demonstrate strong time-management, communication, and leadership skills. Strong candidates have a proven record of collaboration and teamwork. Experience with mentoring (as a mentee or mentor) and organizing activities or programs is preferred.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECOMMENDERS

Complete each section of the recommendation form and return the completed form to the applicant as a PDF file. Applicants are to submit their complete application package by **11:59 PM Eastern on October 16, 2016**.

CONTACT

Contact Julia Fantacone if you have questions or need further information: mch-trc@altarum.org.

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Applicant's Name	

Recommender's Name	
Position	
Institution	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity do you know the applicant?

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's major strengths as they pertain to suitability for the TAG?

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's potential areas for improvement?

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4. Please rate the applicant on the following criteria:	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Assess
a. Collaboration/Teamwork						
b. Communication						
c. Dependability						
d. Emotional Maturity						
e. Initiative						
f. Leadership/Mentoring Potential						
g. Promise as an MCH professional						
h. Time-management						

5. Comment on the ratings you assigned above and provide any further comments about the applicant's qualifications.

6. Recommendation (check one)

Strongly Recommend	Recommend	Recommend with Reservation

If recommending with reservation, please explain.